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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

January 2, 2013

SUBJECT: CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION ADVOCATING THE PROHIBITION OF SALES AND

POSSESSION OF AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

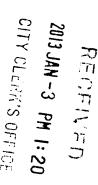
Attached for your information is South Miami Resolution 261-12-13818, which advocates the prohibition of the sale and possession of automatic, semi-automatic, and assault weapons. The City of South Miami is requesting that other municipalities, counties and state governments pass similar resolutions.



Attachment

c: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 261-12-13818

A Resolution of the City of South Miami advocating the prohibition of sales and possession of automatic and semi automatic weapons.

WHEREAS, the drafters of the Second Amendment ("Amendment II") to the United States Constitution never envisioned automatic or semi-automatic weapons when the right to bear arms was first conceived; and

WHEREAS, the one of the principal goals of the United States Constitution set forth in the preamble to the Constitution, is "to insure domestic Tranquility;" and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has held that there are longstanding prohibitions and restrictions on firearms possession that are consistent with the Second Amendment notwithstanding the fact that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of automatic and semi-automatic weapons are now a growing problem to law enforcement and to the population's domestic tranquility as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City of South Miami, Florida, hereby advocates the prohibition of the sale and possession of automatic, and semi-automatic, and assault weapons and requests that other municipalities, counties and state governments pass similar resolutions to let our voices be heard in Washington. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Florida Senate President, and the Florida House Speaker.

Section 2. If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

<u>Section 3.</u> This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,

LANGUAGE LEGALITY AND

EXECUTION THEREOF

APPROVED:

MAYOR

COMMISSION VOTE:

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Mayor Stoddard:

Yea

Vice Mayor Liebman:

Yea

Commissioner Newman:

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Commissioner Harris:

Yea

Commissioner Harris.

Yea

Commissioner Welsh:

Yea